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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: ICCS: CANADIANS FIRE PARTING SALVOS

REF: SAIGON 12931, SAIGON 12814

1. ACTING CHIEF CANDEL ISSUED FINAL CHAPTER IN SAGA OF CANDEL PRISONERS IN 80TH PLENARY, JULY 27, SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED TO PRESS. STATEMENT MADE IN PLENARY NOTES THAT CANDEL HAD REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN, BUT NOTED HE WAS NOW SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOC.

2. STATEMENT REJECTED PRG CHARGES CAN SOLDIERS WERE "FALSE ICCS",  
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SUGGESTING THAT PRG HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO SECURE ICCS MEMBERS

TRAVELLING SINGLY OR WITHOUT COMPANY OF OTHER DELEGATIONS OR LIAISON OFFICERS. TURNER NOTED THAT THIS INTERPRETATION BY PRG WAS THREAT TO ALL MEMBERS OF ICCS, NOT JUST CANADIANS.

3. PRG ALSO ATTACKED FOR UNWILLINGNESS CREATE SAFE CONDITIONS IN WHICH ICCS CAN OPERATE, FAILURE PROVIDE PRG LIAISON OFFICER, LACK OF GENUINE GOOD WILL.

4. TREATMENT OF DETAINEES CALLED "OUTRAGEIOUS IN THE EXTREME," AND INCIDENT QUOTE NEARLY IF NOT COMPLETELY WITHOUT PRECEDENT UNQUOTE. DETAINEES DENIED TREATMENT NORMALLY ACCORDED POWS; FORCED TO MARCH UNDER GUARD WHILE BOUND BY HANDS AND NECK, SUBJECTED TO POLITICAL PROPAGANDA, DEPRIVED OF UNIFORMS, AND ON OCCASION, ONE OF DETAINEES SUFFERED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

5. STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH CITATION OF ARTICLE 29 OF 1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ACCUSING PRG OF VIOLATING ARTICLE 18 OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLES 10 AND 12 OF PROTOCOL.

6. HUNG AND POL DELEGATIONS AT PLENARY RESERVED THEIR POSITION ON CANADIAN STATEMENT (HUNGDEL MADE SPEECH PROTESTING IT, POLES WERE SILENT) BUT INDODEL INSISTED ON PROPRIETY OF CANADIANS MAKING STATEMENT OF THIS KIND.

7. IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT, DEPARTING CANDEL REGIONAL CHIEF VON NOSTITZ GAVE INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST NEWSMAN IN CAN THO ON OR ABOUT JULY 23. LATER PICKED UP AND REPLAYED BY AP. NOSTITZ LAID HEAVY STRESS ON THE VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENTS CAUSED BY CONTINUED INFILTRATION OF NVA ELEMENTS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE PERIOD AFTER THE AGREEMENT. HIS COMMENTS WIDELY REPORTED IN SAIGON, BUT ICCS HAS NOT TAKEN OFFICIAL NOTE, AND PERHAPS COULD NOT, OF THEM.

8. THUS, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DEPARTURE, CANADIANS GOT TWO MORE LICKS IN ON TWO FAVORITE CANADIAN THEMES: LACK OF COOPERATION AND EVEN HOSTILITY TO ICCS FROM PRG SIDE, AND CONTINUING VIOLATION PARIS ACCORDS BY REASON OF CONTINUING NVA INFILTRATION INTO SVN.

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